

House Resolution No. 3572

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State businesses that admirably broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Wilson Music, Incorporated, of Eldon, Missouri, is owned by Dick and Elaine Wilson of Lake Ozark, Missouri, and is the 2008 Small Business of the Year for the Eldon Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, founded on December 15, 1976, in Osage Beach, Wilson Music burned to the ground on November 11, 1978, while fully stocked for Christmas; and

Whereas, Wilson Music then opened on the square in Camdenton, Missouri, on February 2, 1979, with Elaine Wilson operating the business alone for four years while Dick Wilson taught instrumental music at the School of the Osage to replace retiring instructor Jess Cummings; and

Whereas, in March 1985 Wilson Music moved to what was then known as Poverty Flats in Osage Beach, followed in 1987 by incorporation with Dr. B.C. and Jomeda King; and

Whereas, 1987 also was the year that Wilson Music Too opened on Maple Street in Eldon under the management of Dick and Elaine Wilson's son, Dan Wilson; and

Whereas, 1989 witnessed the closing of the Poverty Flats store and the dissolving of the partnership with the King family; and

Whereas, today's Wilson Music is a full-line music retail store that sells pianos, drums, guitars, amplifiers, violins, band instruments, and other musical merchandise; rents band instruments with an option to buy; works with the National Educational Music Company of New Jersey; and offers private lessons in piano, violin, voice, guitar, and band instruments; and

Whereas, a very involved, community-oriented business, Wilson Music also tunes pianos, repairs instruments, and hires high school students as part-time helpers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Wilson Music and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the business being named Small Business of the Year in 2008 by the Eldon Chamber of Commerce; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Wilson Music, Incorporated, of Eldon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney Schad
District No. 115

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3572, adopted July 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker